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SUBJ: NEXT STEPS

1. TOMORROW, SANA DATT LT.COL. RUSZKIEWICZ LEAVES FOR
RIYADH TO REPRESENT THIS EMBASSY IN DISCUSSIONS
WHICH WILL PROBABLY ESTABLISH CHARACTER OF US RELATIONSHIP
WITH YAR FOR NEXT SEVERAL YEARS AS WELL AS ESTABLISH GROUND FOR
EFFECTIVE OR INEFFECTIVE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HERE.
MEETINGS COULD ALSO HAVE FAR-REACHING IMPACT ON STABILITY
IN PENINSULA.

2. BELIEVE THAT WHAT I NEED ON DATT'S RETURN -- AND WHAT
AMBASSADOR LANE WILL NEED OVER MUCH LONGER PERIOD OF TIME --
FALLS INTO SEVERAL DIFFERENT PARTS.

3. FIRST, NEED TO BE ABLE TO TELL YAR PRESIDENT ALI ABDALLAH
SALIH THAT U.S. INTENDS TO PLAY DIRECT ROLE IN
SUPPLY OF MILITARY AID TO YEMEN. WE WOULD WORK IN
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CLOSE COORDINATION WITH SAUDIS AND YEMENIS BUT EQUIPMENT
WHICH COMES FROM U.S. WOULD BE SUPPLIED WITH ADVICE AND
TRAINING FROM US TO MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE USABLE.

4. SECOND, I NEED TELL SALIH THAT WE WILL WORK THROUGH
VARIETY OF IMPACT PROGRAMS FOR YAR ARMY AND AIR FORCE
IN NEXT FEW MONTHS TO INCREASE DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES OF

YAR AGAINST ATTACK. I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TELL SALIH
U.S. WILL ACCELERATE DELIVERY AND TRAINING FOR VULCANS,
105 ARTILLERY, F-5E FOLLOW-ONS TO F-5B'S AND LAW'S.

5. THIRD, U.S. ROLE WILL BE CONSPICUOUS, IN LINE WITH
POLITICAL COMMITMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER TO HELP HIM IN
HIS EFFORTS TO PROTECT YEMENI SECURITY. SOVIETS AND PDRY
WILL SEE U.S. TRAINING TEAMS AND ACCELERATED DELIVERIES AS
DETERRENT FROM ATTACK OR SUBVERSION.

6. FOURTH, I'D LIKE BE ABLE TELL SALIH WE ARE STUDYING
SHARP INCREASE IN OUR MAP TRAINING ALLOCATION FOR YEMEN, AND
INTEND HELP HIM LAUNCH ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL HERE ASAP.

7. FIFTH, WE WANT SEND SOME TEAMS OF YEMENI OFFICERS TO U.S.

8. SIXTH, IN SOMEWHAT LONGER TERMS WE WILL WANT MEET WITH
SAUDIS AND YEMENIS TO REVIEW AND REVITALIZE OUR YEAR-OLD
PLAN TO REORGANIZE AND MODERNIZE YAR ARMY. PLAN IS NOW THREE
TO FOUR YEARS OLD. IT IS BASED ON PDRY ORDER OF BATTLE IN
1974-5. TO FACE NEW FORCE IN SOUTH WE NEED GIVE SPECIAL
EMPHASIS TO COMBINED ARMS (INCLUDING ARMOR), COMBAT SUPPORT
IN FORWARD AREAS, TASK FORCE FOR PARTICULAR AXES
OF APPROACH, PAY, TRAINING, OTHER WEAPONRY WHICH MIGHT BE
NEEDED IN SECOND STAGE OF THIS NEW PROGRAM, E.G., DRAGON'S
AND GOOD INTERCEPT RADAR.

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9. TO CARRY OUT THIS PROGRAM IN YAR WE NEED TO GET SAUDI
COMMITMENT ON TWO KEY POINTS. FIRST, WE NEED TO GET
THEIR SPECIFIC AGREEMENT TO NEW ROLE FOR U.S. OR NO RPT NO
PROGRAM WILL WORK. (WE CAN WORK OUT LATER, BY OURSELVES,
WHETHER DATT SANA AND CHUSMTM DHAHRAN SHOULD CONTINUE
HANDLE SECURITY ASSISTANCE (WHICH IS MY PREFERENCE, OR
WHETHER WE SHOULD SEEK US MTM FOR SANA.) SECOND, WE NEED
FULL CONSULTATION WITH THEM ON THEIR PLANS AND ALL PROGRAMS
OF THIRD COUNTRIES.

10. FOR OUR PART, VIS-A-VIS SAUDIS, WE NEED TO MAKE DETAILED
PROPOSALS TO SAUDIS ON ALL YAR ARMY AND AIR FORCE IMPACT AND
FOLLOW-ON PROGRAMS. WE MAY ALSO WANT TO OFFER TO CONSULT
WITH SAUDIS ON STEPS TO FOCUS REGIONAL COOPERATION (WITH
OMAN, IRAN, OURSELVES AND OTHERS) ON EFFORTS TO CONTAIN
SOUTH YEMEN AND ITS SOVIET AND CUBAN COMPRADORS.
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